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Applicant : Shingo Eguchi et al.
Serial No. : 09/925,486
Filed : August 10, 2001
Title : SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Art Unit : 2826
Examiner : Ahmed N. Sefer

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REPLY TO ACTION OF OCTOBER 20, 2004

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application with claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 18, and 23 being independent.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 13-27.

The drawings have been objected to for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the gate wiring is not shown "connected with a third electrode through a second contact hole" in the drawings. Applicants disagree, since an exemplary implementation of such a gate wiring is shown in Figures 5 and 14 of the application. For example, as shown in the attached annotated Figure 5, a gate wiring 481 is connected with two different electrodes 485 through two different contact holes. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Independent claims 1, 5, and 9, along with their dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-12, have been rejected as being anticipated by Kimura (U.S. Patent No. 6,789,910). Independent claims 1, 5, and 9, along with their dependent claims 3, 7, and 11, have also been rejected as being anticipated by Fujimoto (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0028544 A1). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections because neither Kimura nor Fujimoto are prior art as to the pending claims. In particular, the present application claims priority from Japanese Patent Application Serial No. 2000-245989 ("JP-245989"), which was filed on August 14, 2000. As this date is prior to the effective U.S. filing dates of both Kimura (which was filed April 11, 2001) and Fujimoto (which was filed July 30, 2001) and because the

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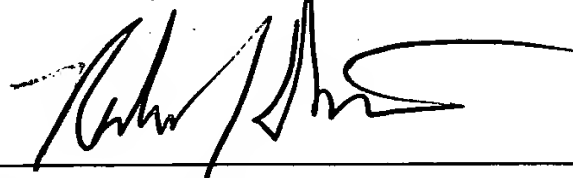
claims find support in JP-245989, the rejections should be withdrawn. Support for the claims may be found, for example, in Figs. 1, 5, and 14 of JP-245989.

Enclosed is a \$120 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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